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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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MITSUMASA SUGIYAMA	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 09/161,401	)	
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Filed: September 28, 1998	)	
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For: DATABASE SYSTEM,	)	
ITS CONTROL METHOD,	:	
AND INFORMATION	)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS	:	August 25, 2006

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to JP 8-137804, which is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and of which a copy, together with its English-language abstract, is enclosed. Also listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is U.S. Patent No. 5,796,397, which is believed to be an English-language counterpart of JP 8-137804. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,796,397 is not enclosed, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

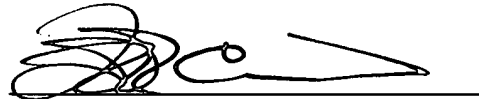
JP 8-137804 was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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